



## News Release

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### **DAVID LAWRENCE CENTER WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

NAPLES, FL - The David Lawrence Center is pleased to announce the addition of two new members of the Board of Directors.

**James W. Burkett**, a retired insurance executive, has joined the Board of Directors for a three year term and will serve as a member of the Finance and Nominating Committee.

Upon retirement, Burkett served as President of Unitrin Property & Casualty Group in Dallas, Texas and prior to that, he was Senior Vice President of Safeco Insurance. He spent most of his 43 year professional career focused on general management, operations, marketing and acquisitions. He also served in the United States Navy.

Burkett previously served as Board of Trustee for the David Lawrence Foundation. He is also a graduate of the Greater Naples Leadership Class IX.

**Brian V. McAvoy, Esq.**, a corporate and trust and estates attorney with Harter, Secrest and Emery, LLP, has joined the Board of Directors for a three year term and will serve as a member of the Finance Committee and the Clinical and Administrative Practices Committee.

McAvoy has been practicing law in Naples and New York for nearly 25 years and has served as the partner in charge of his firm's Naples location for more than 12 years. His practice areas include estate planning, estate and trust administration, probate litigation, general business, and real estate law. He is a board-certified specialist in estate planning and probate law as recognized by the Florida Bar.

McAvoy's community involvement includes serving as a Member of the School Advisory Council for Barron Collier High School, Member and Past President of Kiwanis Club of Naples, Former Secretary and Board Member of the Immokalee Friendship House. He is also a graduate of Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Leadership Collier Class of 2000.

David Lawrence Center is a not-for-profit, community mental health center that provides affordable mental health and substance abuse services in Southwest Florida. In addition to helping children with behavioral, emotional and substance abuse challenges, the Center

provides counseling and rehabilitative services to adults in crisis and individuals with persistent mental illness. David Lawrence Center has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 20,000 people each year. It is David Lawrence Center's mission to restore and rebuild the lives of all of those in need. More information about David Lawrence Center can be found online at [davidlawrencecenter.org](http://davidlawrencecenter.org).

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